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RCRA RECORDS CENTER
FACILITY Ciba Geigy Corp
ID NO. RID001194233
FILE LOC. R3
OTHER _____

Dear Mr. Hefferin:

In July of 1990, the National RCRA Implementation Study recommended that national guidance be developed to ensure consistency among regional offices in setting priorities. To deal with our RCRA corrective action responsibilities, the Environmental Protection Agency developed the National Corrective Action Prioritization System (NCAPS).


Since August 1991 Region I of the Environmental Protection Agency has been working on evaluating the potential risk posed by all RCRA Treatment, Storage and Disposal facilities in the Region using NCAPS. (The attached fact sheet provides a brief overview of this system). The final outcome of this evaluation is a ranking for each facility as a high, medium, or low significance facility.

These rankings will be used as a tool in prioritizing the order in which facilities are considered for corrective action, with high significance facilities generally being addressed first. However, after considering other relevant factors such as facility compliance history or the requirements of existing permits, EPA may elect to work on high, medium and low facilities in any order. Factors which will lead EPA to consider a medium or low significance facilities ahead of high significance facilities include such considerations as the requirements of existing permits and facility compliance history. The decision to require corrective action at a given facility will be based on the site specific information underlying the ranking and site specific circumstances.

As of August 21, 1991 the Ciba-Geigy facility (RCRA ID# RID001194233) located in Cranston, RI was ranked as a high significance facility.

If you have any questions on the ranking process, how the ranking will be used, or the ranking of your facility please contact Betsy Davis at (617) 573-5722.

Sincerely,


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